

REMARKS

Claims 5-14 remain in the case. Claims 1-4 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice including but not limited to the right to file a divisional application.

Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the body of claim 1, modified where necessary by the specific language of claim 5. Because the Examiner stated that claims 5-14 would be allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, it is submitted that claims 5-14 are now immediately allowable.

Allowance of claims 5-14 is earnestly solicited.

Attached for the information of the Examiner is an English translation of a Norwegian Office Action issued on November 17, 2004. The two references relied on by the Norwegian Examiner were cited and submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in an Information Disclosure Statement dated December 17, 2001. If any additional information is desired by the Examiner, she is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for applicant.

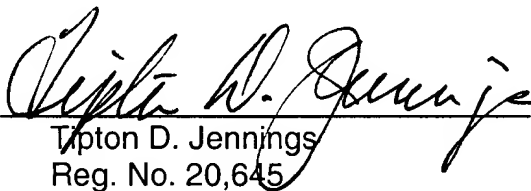
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Attachment: Translation of Norwegian Office Action (3 pages)